

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

May 13, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

C. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two boards, and on the OLMD website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Carol Wilson  
Dennis Johnson  
Bruce Mueller  
Dee Schriver

Absent

Tom Godar

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

**Kathy & Dave Harris, N50W35290 Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin** were present. K. Harris explained a neighboring pier infringed on her riparian rights. The DNR had reviewed the situation and determined it was a “civilian matter”. She questioned who should be contacted regarding this matter. Discussion ensued. K. Harris should contact State Representative, Barbara Dittrich.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

P. Furno reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$339,029.14
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$57,335.76</u>
Total:	\$281,693.38

**D. Johnson moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Approve Checks & Vouchers

**B. Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid from January 2019 through April 2019. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Johnson moved to approve the bills to be paid for May 2019. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**B. Mueller moved to approve the October 8, 2018 Meeting minutes as presented. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Review Draft 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

**D. Johnson moved to recommend approval of the Draft 2018 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Aquatic Plant Management Report

a. Update on 2018-2019 Muskrat Control Program

**Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper**, provided an update on the 2018-2019 Muskrat Control Program. Winter had settled in early and bays froze before he could finish trapping in 2018. At that time a total of 47 muskrats were caught. Due to the winter lake levels, the muskrats moved downstream. The

spring 2019 Muskrat Control Program began March 25, 2019 with trapping near the Oconomowoc River and Highway C, followed by trapping the Upper Oconomowoc and then he moved into Stumpy Bay. The spring weather delayed trapping and he was currently two weeks behind. Some traps were still out in the same place that they were last year. Damage was noted due to the high muskrat population from last year with greatest damage near Whiskey Waters. Overall, muskrat numbers were less than last year. Eleven phone calls to trap properties had been received this year to date with initial trapping of raccoons over muskrats.

**Mike Eppler, N51W35369 River Road**, noted muskrats were present on his property. A. Groehler suggested M. Eppler flag the burrows prior to trapping.

b. Discuss & Act on Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program

Documentation received from Brian Suffern, of Marine Bio-Chemists Services at Lonza, and Heidi Bunk, DNR Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, indicated that testing on Little Okauchee had not been post-surveyed in order to allow large scale spraying in Tierney Bay for this year. H. Bunk would only allow 30-50 feet navigational lanes to be sprayed. D. Johnson expressed concern regarding only being allowed to spray the navigational lanes. Invasive species would not be eradicated if only allowed to spray navigational lanes. Discussion ensued. Tierney Bay was full of milfoil and quite difficult to navigate. Application for a one-year extension had been made. Cutting was restricted in the bay currently. Concern was expressed for Tierney Bay becoming a marsh over time if cutting was not allowed in this area. Additional discussion was needed and a decision should be made regarding how to proceed in this matter.

13. Introduction by Cassie Taplin, Waukesha County AIS Coordinator

**Cassie Taplin, Washington and Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator**, provided a summary of her past work experience, noting she started this position in January 2019. She distributed information pertaining to her summer work schedule to Commissioners.

14. Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program

C. Taplin explained many lake groups were using small high pressure sprayers filled with bleach water to combat the spread of various aquatic invasive species. Additional information about the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant program was provided at this time. The grant required 200 hours of service each year.

15. Discuss & Act on Spring 2019 Newsletter

Commissioners reviewed the draft 2019 newsletter.

**B. Mueller moved to approve the 2019 Spring Newsletter. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried**

16. Discuss Website Items

Updated lake level information, monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters, contact information for Arnold Groehler and a Help Wanted Ad for the Spring Weed Harvesting Crew had been added to the website since the October, 2018 meeting. Additional pictures, a muskrat update and the newsletter would be added to the website.

17. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next regular OLMD meeting agenda:

- Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program
- Update on 2019 Muskrat Control Program
- Discuss & Act on Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program
- USGS Survey Results
- Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c): “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Performance review and compensation for OLMD employees)

18. Set Future Meetings

The next regular meeting of the OLMD is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

19. Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c): “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Performance review and compensation for OLMD employees)

**B. Mueller Moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant To §19.85(1)(C): “Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee Over Which The Governmental Body Has Jurisdiction Or Exercises Responsibility.” (Performance Review and Compensation**

**For OLMD Employees) at 8:08 PM. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Carol Wilson, aye; Dennis Johnson, aye; Bruce Mueller, aye; Dee Schriver, aye. Motion carried.**

20. Reconvene into Open Session

**D. Johnson moved to reconvene into Open Session at 8:33 P.M. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Carol Wilson, aye; Dennis Johnson, aye; Bruce Mueller, aye; Dee Schriver, aye. Motion carried.**

21. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

**B. Mueller moved to approve the wage increase for the Lake Supervisor as discussed in closed session. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

22. Adjournment

**B. Mueller moved to adjourn the May 13, 2019 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.**